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November 13, 1986

HELENA, MONTANA 59620

Re: Preliminary Environmental Review  
Chadal Salvage

Board of County Commissioners, Courthouse, Hamilton  
Don Mullin, Sanitarian, Courthouse, Hamilton  
Elmer Field, P.O. Box 567, Darby, MT 59829  
Albert Moody, Mayor, P.O. Box 37, Darby  
Robert Gier, P.O. Box 723, Darby, MT 59829  
John Firebaugh, DFWP, 3201 Spurgin Road, Missoula  
Morris Jenkins, RFD 1 Box 1416-B Thomas Dr., Hoschton, GA 30348  
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Tom Ellerhoff, Environmental Sciences Division, DHES, Helena, MT  
Environmental Quality Council, Capitol Complex, Helena, MT  
Documents Section, State Library, Capital Complex, Helena, MT

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the Administrative Rules of Montana, 16.2.604, the following Preliminary Environmental Review has been prepared by the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences concerning Elmer Field, Chadal Salvage.

The purpose of the Preliminary Environmental Review is to inform all interested governmental agencies, public groups or individuals of the proposed action and to determine whether or not the action may have a significant effect on the human environment. This Preliminary Environmental Review will be circulated for a period of fifteen (15) days at which time a decision will be made as to our future action.

If you care to comment on this proposed action, please do so within the allotted time.

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Sincerely,

*Carol Fox*

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PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Division/Bureau Department of Health & Environmental Sciences/Solid & Hazardous Waste  
Project or Application Elmer J. Field/dba/Chadal Salvage Bureau  
Description of Project Establishing and licensing a motor vehicle wrecking facility  
approximately 10 miles southeast of Darby, MT (see enclosed map and application).

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Terrestrial & aquatic life and habitats			X			X
2. Water quality, quantity and distribution			X			X
3. Geology & soil quality, stability and moisture				X		
4. Vegetation cover, quantity and quality				X		X
5. Aesthetics			X			X
6. Air quality				X		
7. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources				X		
8. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air & energy				X		
9. Historical and archaeological sites				X		

# POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Social structures and mores				X		
2. Cultural uniqueness and diversity				X		
3. Local and state tax base & tax revenue			X			X
4. Agricultural or industrial production				X		
5. Human health				X		
6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income			X			X
7. Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities				X		
8. Quantity and distribution of employment			X			X
9. Distribution and density of population and housing			X			X
10. Demands for government services			X			X
11. Industrial & commercial activity				X		X
12. Demands for energy				X		
13. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals				X		
14. Transportation networks & traffic flows			X			X

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks,

Ravalli County Environmental Health.

Individuals or groups contributing to this PER. Elmer Field, Don Mullin

Recommendation concerning preparation of EIS not necessary

PER Prepared by: Carol Fox

Date: November 5, 1986

#### General Comments

Elmer Field proposes to establish and license a .5 acre motor vehicle wrecking facility located approximately 10 miles southeast of Darby, MT on Dugout Gulch. The Montana Motor Vehicle Recycling and Disposal Act requires all wrecking facilities to be licensed and screened from public view. No junk vehicles or vehicle component parts may be visible from any point six feet above the centerline of a public road. The site is only visible from a private road; therefore, it is in compliance with the shielding requirements of state law.

The applicant plans to operate on a wholesale basis only. He will be salvaging the vehicles and selling parts via a hotline. The business will not be open to drop-in customers.

#### Potential Impacts on Physical Environment

##### 1. Terrestrial and aquatic life and habitats

The proposed site is in winter range for mule deer and elk. Surrounding Forest Service land to the north, south, and east provides good to excellent game habitat for deer and elk. A salvage facility by its commercial nature resulting in additional travel trips, noise, and an increased general level of activity may have a disruptive influence on wildlife populations. However, the disruption is expected to be minor since the applicant will be operating on a wholesale basis only. Also, most of the disruption to wildlife already occurred when a residence was established at the site.

##### 2. Water quality, quantity, and distribution

The proposed car storage yard is approximately 100 feet from a small stream. Establishing the facility may cause increased sedimentation or contamination with motor fluids in this stream. The potential impact to water quality is considered minor because of the small size of the facility and the applicant's plan to dispose of waste motor fluids off site. Montana law prohibits the disposal of liquid or solid wastes in an area where they are likely to cause pollution or create a public nuisance. Violations of water pollution laws are enforceable by the Montana Water Quality Act.

##### 4. Vegetation cover, quantity and quality

Whatever vegetation existed at the site was disrupted by previous landowners.

##### 5. Aesthetics

State law requires the facility to be screened from view of public, not private, roads. This facility is only visible from Dugout Gulch, a private road. Although screening is not required, the applicant has built a 1x10'x10' board fence on the south and east sides of the facility. This fence screens the facility from view of Dugout Gulch. The north and west sides of the facility are bordered by hillsides. Given the few number of residences on Dugout Gulch, the aesthetic impact from this facility should be minor.

## Potential Impacts On Human Environment

1. Local and State tax base and tax revenue
  2. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income
  3. Quantity and distribution of employment
- Establishing and licensing this proposed facility should have a minor positive impact on all of the above criteria. Additional income and employment should at least result for the applicant/owner and any additional employees necessary for the operation.

9. Distribution and density of population and housing
- The Forest Service lands adjacent to the facility cannot be developed residentially. The area east and south of the facility could be, though. There are a few undeveloped parcels of private land along Dugout Gulch.

Wrecking facilities, particularly unscreened ones, are typically viewed as eyesores. Thus, establishing this facility may have a potential negative impact on future residential sales. Given the distance of the site to a large population source and the unsuitability of the area for residential development, this impact will be minor. No residential development is currently scheduled near the site.

10. Industrial and commercial activity

Except for very large scale operations, salvage industries do not generally influence the growth of adjoining commercial enterprises. No increased industrial or commercial activity is expected from this facility due to its distance from commercial markets, its small size, and the nature of its operation.

13. Locally adopted environmental plans and goals

The establishment and operation of a motor vehicle wrecking facility at the proposed location does not violate any locally adopted land use planning or zoning ordinances as certified on the application by the Ravalli County Planning Office.

14. Transportation networks and traffic flows

Since the applicant will be operating as a wholesale business, no increased customer traffic is anticipated. However, the towing and transport of salvage vehicles into and out of the site will require additional maintenance of the dirt public and private roads accessing the site. Given the small size (will hold 20 vehicles maximum) of the yard, this impact is expected to be minor.

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES  
Environmental Sciences Division  
Solid Waste Management Bureau  
Helena, Montana 59601

M O T O R   V E H I C L E   W R E C K I N G   F A C I L I T Y

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE

Complete this form and return with attachments to: Solid Waste Management Bureau  
Montana Department of Health and  
Environmental Sciences  
Room B-201 Cogswell Building  
Helena, MT 59620

- 1) Name of applicant: Elmer J Field
- 2) Name of facility: Chadal Salvage
- 3) Address: Dagout Rd. - Darby, Mont (physical address)
- 4) Size and legal description of facility: W 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec. 23 T3N R12W  
Ravalli Co - (20 Acres) approx 1 acre on north boundary  
to be used as fenced yard - includes bldg.
- 5) If you are not the owner of the premises, give name and address of lessor who holds title to the property:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- 6) Attachments: a) Map of city or county showing proposed location of facility.
- b) Drawing of proposed facility showing especially the type and adequacy of shielding of facility from public view and location of buildings.
- 7) I hereby certify that the site of the planned motor vehicle wrecking facility is in accordance with local government zoning and ordinances (to be signed by appropriate local government official having knowledge of local zoning ordinances).

TITLE: Ravalli County Planner / Secretary

OF: Ravalli County  
(city or county)

8) Date (year and month) that your facility will begin operation: 11-86

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: Elmer J Field PHONE: 221-4507

TITLE: owner DATE: 8-6-86

Mailing Address  
Box 567  
Darby, Mont. 59829

Solid Waste Management Bureau  
Room B-201, Cogswell Building  
Helena, MT 59620  
Telephone: (406) 444-2821

MOTOR VEHICLE WRECKING FACILITY

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LICENSE APPLICATION

Items 1, 2 & 3 -- Self-explanatory

Item 4 -- Fill in the complete legal description. Attach additional sheets if needed. A description of "7 miles north of town" or "817 Green Street" is not a legal description.

Item 5 -- If you are renting or leasing the property, fill in the information. If you are in the process of buying the land (contract for deed), you may leave the spaces blank.

Items 6 & 7 -- If you are submitting this application to license a currently licensed and properly shielded motor vehicle wrecking facility, you may omit the information required.

If the site you are applying for license on is not currently licensed, then you must send all information required in Item 6 and obtain the proper signature on Item 7.

Item 8 -- Self-explanatory

The yearly license will be issued after all information has been properly submitted, after the site has been approved and the shielding (if needed) is in place. The annual license fee of \$50.00, to be prorated on a quarterly basis for new facilities, shall be paid to the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences.

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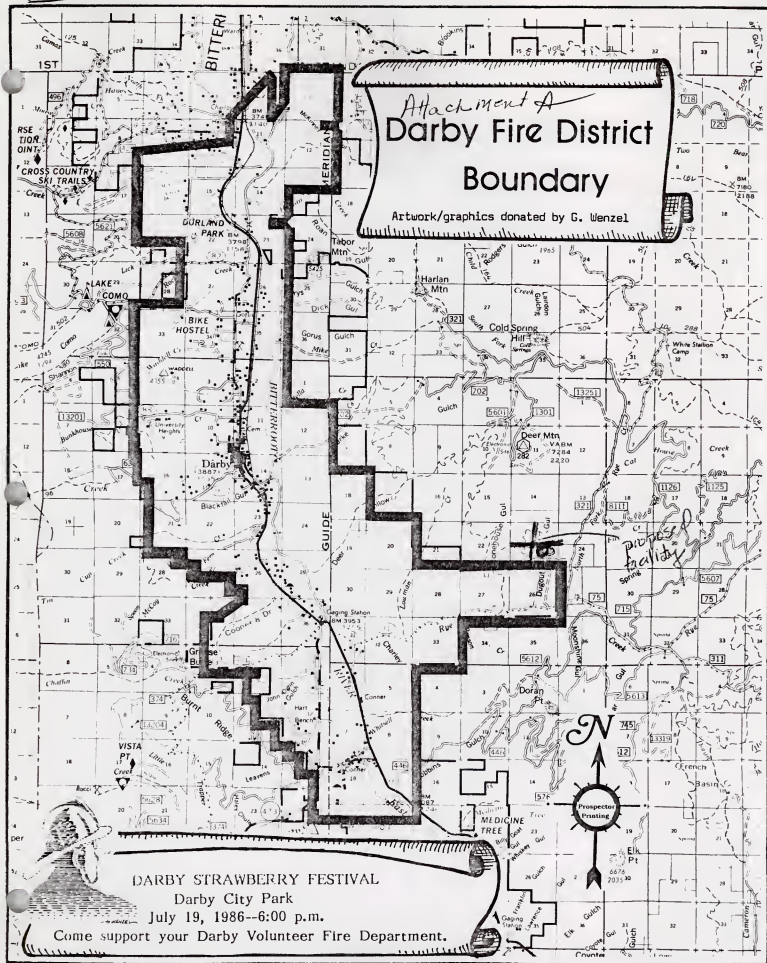


Attachment A  
Darby Fire District  
Boundary

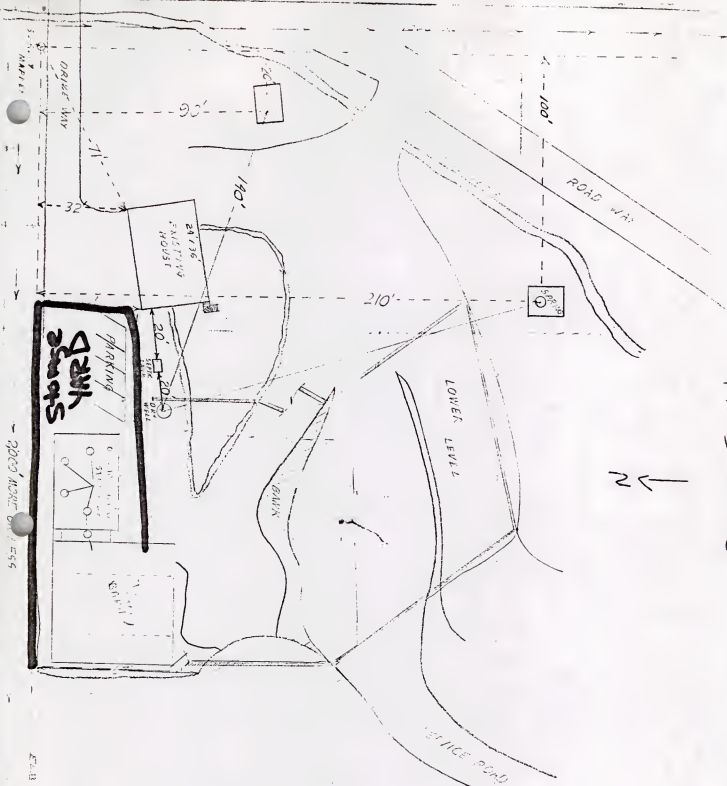
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Proposed Facility

